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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND)
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)
THE SAME)

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified divisional patent application as set forth in this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 12 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are included in the attached replacement drawing sheets.

These amendments are discussed on page 14 and in the Remarks section of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.

Attachment to this Amendment: Eight (8) replacement drawing sheets (Figs. 1A, 1B, 4A, 4B, 7, 10, 13, 20A, 20B, 23A, 23B, 26A, and 26B)